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TAGS: EMIN, ENRG, AS
SUBJ: COMMONWEALTH RELEASES URANIUM FROM STOCKPILE

REF: CANBERRA A-046 (NOTAL)

1. ON APRIL 12, GOA RELEASED IN SPECIAL GAZETTE NO. S-58
DATED APRIL 4, 1977, EXEMPTIONS FROM REQUIREMENTS OF
ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES TO PERMIT
GOA TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO PEKO MINES LTD., EZ INDUSTRIES LTD.
AND QUEENSLAND MINES LTD., YELLOW CAKE CONTAINING UP TO BUT
NOT EXCEEDING APPROXIMATELY 2,000 TONNES OF TRIURANIUM OCTOXIDE
WHICH CURRENTLY BELONGS TO GOA. ACCESS TO GOA STOCKPILE BY
NAMED COMPANIES IS IN CONNECTION WITH SUPPLY CONTRACTS ENTERED
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INTO COMPANIES ON BEHALF OF GOA PRIOR TO DECEMBER 2, 1972.

2. AMONG REASONS GIVEN FOR EXEMPTIONS ARE THAT GOA SATISFIED
THAT STRINGENT CONTROLS WILL APPLY TO HANDLING AND EXPORT OF
YELLOW CAKE, AND EXPORTED YELLOW CAKE WILL BE PROCESSED IN UK,
CANADA, AND US AND SENT TO JAPAN FOR ELECTRIC POWER GENERATION
AND ALL THESE STATES ARE PARTIES TO NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY.

3. COMMENT: ABOVE GOA ACTION OCCURRED AFTER ABOVE COMPANIES DECLARED FORCE MAJEURE ON THEIR URANIUM CONTRACTS WITH JAPANESE UTILITIES DUE IN 1977. MARY KATHLEEN URANIUM HAS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THEY CANNOT MEET URANIUM CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENTS TO JAPAN BUT HAVE NOT DECLARED FORCE MAJEURE.

4. GOA HAS NOT ADDRESSED DEMAND BY AUSTRALIAN URANIUM EXPORTERS THAT GOA CERTIFY THAT YELLOW CAKE WILL MEET CONTRACTUAL SPECIFICATIONS. PRICE TO AUSTRALIAN EXPORTERS OF STOCKPILED GOA URANIUM HAS NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED. APPARENTLY THE TWO SIDES ARE FAR APART ON PRICE AGREEMENT. END COMMENT.
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